IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

KEITH DAVIS, :

Plaintiff, :

:

v. : CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-CV-1563

:

THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, et al., :
Defendants. :

ORDER

AND NOW, this 23rd day of July, 2024, upon consideration of Plaintiff Keith Davis's Motion to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* (ECF No. 1) and Complaint (ECF No. 2), it is **ORDERED** that:

- 1. Leave to proceed in forma pauperis is **GRANTED**.
- 2. The Complaint is **DEEMED** filed.
- 3. The claims in the Complaint are **DISMISSED** for failure to state a claim <u>except</u> for Davis's claims pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against Defendants P. Fallen, Cunningham, and M. Santiago in their individual capacities as described in the Court's accompanying <u>Memorandum</u>.
- 4. The Clerk of Court is **DIRECTED** to **TERMINATE** the following Defendants:

 (a) The City of Philadelphia; (b) Common Pleas Judge Tracy Brandeis Roman; and (c) ADA

 John Consheck.
- 5. The case shall proceed at this time to service by the U.S. Marshal Service, in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1915(d) and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(c)(3), against the following Defendants as to the remaining claim:
 - a. P. Fallen, Badge No. 133

- b. Cunningham, Badge No. 577
- c. M. Santiago, Badge No. 767
- 6. In anticipation of service by the U.S. Marshal Service, the Clerk of Court is **DIRECTED** to send a copy of this Order to Davis together with one copy of the U.S. Marshal Service of Process Receipt and Return Form USM-285 ("USM-285 Form") for each Defendant listed in paragraph five (5) of this Order.¹ The Clerk of Court is further **DIRECTED** to record the mailing on the docket.
- 7. To proceed with service, Davis must complete one USM-285 Form for each Defendant listed in paragraph five (5) and return the completed form(s) to the Clerk's Office within **twenty-one (21) days** of the date of this Order. Service cannot be made by the U.S. Marshal Service until Davis completes and returns these forms.
 - 8. In completing the USM-285 Form(s), Davis is instructed as follows:
 - a. Davis should complete one separate USM-285 Form for each Defendant listed in paragraph five (5) of this Order. Only one Defendant's name should appear on each USM-285 Form.
 - b. Davis shall not complete a USM-285 Form for any individual or entity that is not listed as a Defendant in paragraph five (5) of this Order, or any Defendant who already has been dismissed from this case.
 - c. Davis should include as much identifying information as possible for each Defendant, including the Defendant's first name, last name, and, where relevant, the Defendant's badge number.

¹ This form is available online at https://www.usmarshals.gov/sites/default/files/media/document/usm-285 process-receipt.pdf.

- d. Davis must provide each Defendant's complete address at a location where that Defendant can be served. **The U.S. Marshals Service cannot serve a Defendant at a P.O. Box address.** It is Davis's responsibility, and not the duty of the Court, the Clerk's Office, or the Marshals Service, to ascertain the addresses of the Defendants.²
- e. Failure to include a proper address may result in the Defendant not being served and/or the dismissal of Davis's claims against any such Defendant.
- 9. Davis is cautioned that failure to return completed USM-285 Form(s) in accordance with the above instructions may result in dismissal of this case for failure to prosecute, without further notice from the Court.
- 10. The Clerk of Court is **DIRECTED** to docket any USM-285 Forms that Davis returns in this case.
- 11. The Clerk of Court is **DIRECTED** not to issue summonses at this time. The Court will direct issuance of summonses upon receipt of properly completed USM-285 Forms.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Jeffrey L. Schmehl
JEFFREY L. SCHMEHL, J.

² See, e.g., Meade v. Reynolds, 810 F. App'x 86, 88 (3d Cir. 2020) (per curiam) ("[T]he plaintiff must provide the district court with sufficient information to enable the Marshals Service to effectuate service of process." (citing Lee v. Armontrout, 991 F.2d 487, 489 (8th Cir. 1993)); Harris v. McMullen, 609 F. App'x 704, 707 (3d Cir. 2015) (per curiam) ("Harris has not pointed to any authority instructing that a District Court or the USMS must engage in extraordinary measures to assist an [in forma pauperis] litigant in locating a defendant's address for the purpose of service of process, and we are not aware of any.").